

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 24 November 2009 and interview of 16 February 2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-6,11,13-18,22,25,26 and 28.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The following changes are made to provide consistent and accurate use of terminology throughout the claims as well as provide antecedent basis for terminology. Also, the relationship of the system with the vehicle has been clarified to avoid any confusion with the wording of the claim. The preamble clearly sets forth the system on the vehicle. Additionally, claims 7 and 24 have been cancelled as they are duplicates or claim duplicate subject matter of claims 1 and 22, respectively.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Matthew R. Jenkins on 16 February 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

In claim 1, line 1, change "for" to ---on---,
line 3, change "first" to ---driver-side--- and before "wiper shaft" insert ---driver-side---,
line 4, change "can be" to ---is---,
line 5, before both occurrences of "wiper shaft" insert ---driver-side---,
line 8, after "said" insert ---driver-side---,

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line 9, change both occurrences of “first” to ---driver-side--- and change “second” to ---passenger-side---,

line 10, change “second” to ---passenger-side---.

In claim 3, line 2, change “first” to ---driver-side---.

In claim 4, line 2, change “a” to ---the--- and change “bearing” to ---shaft---.

In claim 6, line 1, after “wherein” insert ---the---,

line 2, after “one” insert ---of the---,

line 3, change “windscreen wiper” to ---wipers---.

Cancel claim 7.

In claim 11, line 1, change “it is a” to ---such---,

line 2, delete “which”.

In claim 13, line 1, change “12” to ---1---,

line 2, change “a wiper” to ---the driver-side wiper--- and change “the” to ---a---.

In claim 14, line 1, delete “for use”,

line 3, delete “for” and change “first bearing” to ---driver-side wiper shaft---,

line 4, change “second bearing” to ---passenger-side wiper shaft---,

line 5, delete “for” and change “first and second bearings” to ---wiper shafts---,

line 6, delete “for” and change “first bearing or said second bearing” to ---driver-side wiper shaft or passenger-side wiper shaft---,

line 9, change “first and second bearings” to ---wiper shafts---,

line 11, change “first bearing and a second bearing, said first bearing” to ---wiper shafts, a first bearing is---,

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change line 12 to ---associated with the first windshield wiper and a second bearing is associated with the second windshield---,

line 16, change “said wiper” to ---the associated wiper---,

line 17, delete “, said first bearing being associated with a first wiper and said second bearing being associated with a second wiper”.

In claim 15, lines 2-3, change "first and second bearings" to ---driver-side and passenger side wiper shafts---.

In claim 16, line 2, change “situated in a vehicle direction location of” to ---arranged in front of--- and after "wipers" insert ---in a vehicle direction of travel---.

In claim 18, line 2, change “arm” to ---rod---.

In claim 22, line 1, delete “for”,
line 4, change “first bearing” to ---driver-side wiper shaft---,
line 5, change “second bearing” to ---passenger-side wiper shaft---,
line 6, before “drive” insert ---a--- and change “first and second bearings” to ---shafts---,
line 9, after “fixed end” insert ---on said driver-side shaft---,
line 11, change the second occurrence of “said line of projection” to ---of said driver-side crank---,
line 12, after “said” insert ---driver-side---,
change line 13 to read ---said driver-side shaft and said passenger-side shaft, a first bearing is associated with the first windshield wiper blade and---,
change line 14 to read ---a second bearing is associated with the second windshield wiper blade;---,
line 15, change “a passenger-side” to ---said passenger-side---.

Cancel claim 24.

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In claim 25, line 2, after “in” insert ---a---.

In claim 26, line 3, change “drive linkage comprising at least one” to ---driver-side---.

In claim 28, line 2, change “arm” to ---rod---,
line 3, change “arm” to ---rod---.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary K. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-1274. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday (7:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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